

§483.75(m) Disaster and Emergency Preparedness

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§483.75(m)(1) The facility must have detailed written plans and procedures to meet all potential emergencies and disasters, such as fire, severe weather, and missing residents.

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§483.75(m)(2) The facilities must train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin to work in the facility, periodically review the procedures with existing staff, and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.

Interpretive Guidelines §483.75(m)

The facility should tailor its disaster plan to its geographic location and the types of residents it serves. “Periodic review” is a judgment made by the facility based on its unique circumstances changes in physical plant or changes external to the facility can cause a review of the disaster review plan.

Procedures; §483.75(m)

Review and disaster and emergency preparedness plan, including plans for natural or man made disasters.

Probes: §483.75(m)

Ask two staff persons separately (e.g., nurse aide, housekeeper, maintenance person) and the charge nurse:

- If the fire alarm goes off, what do you do?
- If you discover that a resident is missing, what do you do?
- What would you do if you discovered a fire in a resident’s room?
- Where are fire alarms and fire extinguisher(s) located on this unit?
- How do you use the fire extinguisher?